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Requirements for ORR 10258

1. Gomulka is reported (N.Y. Times, Nov. 20) to have said on his return from Moscow that the Soviet credits to Poland which were announced as cancelled by the Polish-Soviet agreement of November 18 amounted to \$600 million. What did these Soviet credits include? Did they include any of the post-war loans to Poland granted by the USSR (e.g. the 1947 gold loan of \$27.9 million, the 1948 credit of \$450 and the 1950 credit of \$100.)

2. What is the amount of Polish indebtedness to the USSR still outstanding?

3. What is the amount of Polish commercial indebtedness to the West, especially to banks in Western Europe?

4. What is the attitude of the Gomulka Regime toward trade with the Near East and South and Southeast Asia?

5. To what extent did the 6 Feb and 18 May 56 CEMA meetings allocate specific production areas of responsibilities to Poland?

6. Is it still possible to discern any significant latent Polish resentment against Soviet economic "exploitation" of Poland; or has Gomulka successfully convinced the Poles of the "advantages" to be gained through continued collaboration with the USSR in the economic sphere?

7. Is there much fear in Polish government circles that Poland has reached a stage of economic dependence upon the Soviet Bloc where any definitive "break" in economic ties would result in severe economic dislocation for Poland?

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